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Abstract

INTERRELATIONS BETWEEN SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR AND INFORMATION ACHIEVEMENT OF HEAD START CHILDREN

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The major theoretical position underlying this study was founded on the increasing recognition by social scientists of the need for a process conception of the human being which recognizes the "whole" person instead of a simple partite breakdown of the person into his component systems. In applying this conception to the study of children in the school, concern with the implications of the fact that "persons" go to school, and not simply equipment for learning, becomes paramount. The awareness that every mental function is imbedded in a personal life implies that studies of cognitive functioning should include reference to the individual's personality.

With the advent of Project Head Start there developed an increasing interest in studying the disadvantaged child in the school, as it has been found that children who have known only poverty tend to be unsuccessful in school. Head Start offers fertile ground for exploring the interrelationship between social-emotional behavior and cognitive learning in children coming from deprived backgrounds.

The present study, in affiliation with the national Head Start evaluation program, attempted to explore this interrelationship in 133 Head Start children representing a wide range of community types and ethnic groups in the middle west.

Two instruments were employed in the study: The Preschool Inventory, which was constructed by Caldwell and Soule to give a measure of achievement in areas regarded as necessary for success in school and yields four subscores, and The Operation Head Start Behavior Inventory, which was designed by Ziegler for use by Head Start to evaluate the behavior of nursery school children and yields four subscores derived from Cline's factor analysis.

The Preschool Inventory was administered to each child during the first and last months of attendance in Head Start. The Behavior Inventory was completed for each child by the teacher during the first month of the program. All of the gains in the subscores and total on the Preschool Inventory were correlated with the four subscores on the Behavior Inventory.

The general hypothesis was: There are positive relationships between positive aspects of teachers' ratings of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement; and negative relationships between negative aspects of teachers' ratings of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement of children enrolled in Head Start.

Although some statistically significant relationships were found among the variables, the results did not yield as substantially significant relationships as hypothesized. Further explorations and implications of these results were discussed. It was concluded that there may be meaningful relationships among the variables as hypothesized, but that these relationships were concealed in the present study by the difficulty in accurately measuring a subtle variable as social-emotional behavior and by the diversities and intricacies of the classroom setting in which the investigation was conducted.

I: THE PROBLEM AND ITS JUSTIFICATION

The "Whole Person" Concept

The assumptions underlying research in the social sciences are being challenged by an increased interest in what Maslow calls "Third Force Psychology" (1962). Bugental describes some of the parameters that are being challenged: Among these are "the model of man as a composite of part functions; the model of a science taken over from physics; and the criterion of statistical frequency as a demonstration of truth" (1963).

Allport states that the biologist, physiologist and biochemist tend to retreat into a pattern of "deliberately avoiding the phenomena both of total organization and of consciousness, and thus reduce the person to something less than a complete system for study" (1955, p.6). From this scientific model that Allport describes the "so-called 'behavior sciences' ablate an aspect of personal conduct from the integral nexus of personality, and relate this aspect to some outer frame of reference" (Allport, 1955, p.5). This is to say that a picture is provided of the political man in relation to a political system, or of the economic man in relation to the economic system, but not of the whole man in relation to his own individual system.

Social scientists, then, have often operated on the basis that the total human being could be sufficiently understood in terms of a catalogue of his component parts. More recently, the need for a "process conception of the human being," a conception which recognizes the whole person, is being recognized (Bugental, 1963). The behavioral scientist especially cannot be satisfied with segments of persons related to outer ordi nates.

"He must consider the system as a whole, and show how part systems are related to one another" (Allport, 1955, p. 6).

In the study of children for example, it should be realized that the child is not simply a composite of his intellect, language, emotions, social behavior, and motor skills; but rather, is a unique human being comprised of complex interrelationships between all of these factors, and possessing an individuality which cannot be categorized (Allport, 1943). A cursory review of the educational and child development research shows, however, that the primary concern has traditionally been to study the child in terms of his component parts and behaviors. Even in the major child development textbooks this emphasis upon the child in components is maintained.

In the educational realm, teachers too often have viewed the child in terms of external measures of IQ and experts' categorizing of behavior (Moustakas, 1956). However, it is being realized more clearly than before that this categorizing and labeling is not enough. Increasingly, "we are more concerned with the implications of the fact that 'persons' go to school, not just an equipment for learning, not just memories, minds or intellects" (Jones, 1966, p. 322). A number of researchers are coming to emphasize the person in the educational process (e.g. Allport, 1943).

Recent Research

Empirically the interdependence of social and emotional behavior and achievement in children has been demonstrated for several years. In reviewing the literature from 1933 to 1963, Taylor (1964) concluded that overachievers, as opposed to underachievers, are characterized by well-

controlled (rather than "free-floating") anxiety, high self-esteem, acceptance of authority, good relations with peers, either independence or little conflict about dependency, academically-oriented (rather than socially-oriented) interests and activities, and realistic goals. While Crandall, in her own review of the literature concerning achievement as it relates to other factors (1967), agreed with most of Taylor's conclusions, she acknowledged that several studies have found that the achieving child has a number of less desirable behavior characteristics and relationships with important persons in his life.

The relationships between positive behaviors and achievement gain as well as between negative behaviors and negative achievement, however, have been demonstrated repeatedly in recent years at varying levels of development. The research yielding these relationships has been conducted with university, high school, and elementary school subjects. At the university level several studies have been recently carried out concerning academic success as it relates to social and/or emotional behavior. Wilson, Sodquist and Zemke (1967) hypothesized that academic underachievement is a manifestation of emotional illness, and found that in most of the 14 underachievers studied, underachievement proved to be one manifestation of rather significant underlying emotional disturbances. In another study comparing social maturity with academic success in college students, it was found that the socially immature students were more disruptive of classroom proceedings, whereas socially mature students contributed more to classroom discussion. The socially immature students also had a higher absentee rate and underachieved in academic performance (Kipnis, 1968).

At the high school level investigators have studied the relationships between these variables especially to aid in the understanding of the factors involved in producing a "school drop out" as opposed to a university candidate. Crites and Semler (1967), for instance, followed up their study of 483 fifth graders seven years later in the twelfth grade, in order to collect cross sectional and longitudinal data on the interrelationships of adjustment, educational achievement, and vocational maturity as dimensions of development in adolescence. It was found that early adjustment was related not only to later adjustment but also to later educational achievement and vocational maturity. The current adjustment correlated even higher with these variables.

In the elementary school the importance of the relationship between social and emotional adjustment and achievement is also being recognized and researched. Young (1965) identified clusters of significant relationships between academic achievement measurements, emotional stability, and motor performance measures. Implications for curriculum planning and development were deducted. In another study, Koppitz (1966) studied the relationship of emotional indicators as demonstrated on the Human Figure Drawings with learning problems in children ages five to ten. Several emotional indicators were positively related to school achievement. Koppitz also discovered six emotional signs which could be used to predict learning problems in school beginners.

Several studies of elementary school children have investigated the relation between anxiety, a negative emotion, and test performance, a measure of achievement and intelligence (Cowen, Zax, Klein, Izzo, & Trost, 1965; Feldhusen & Klausmeier, 1962; Hill & Sarason, 1966;

Keller & Rowley, 1962; McCandless & Castaneda, 1956; Reese, 1961; Ruebush, 1960; Saxena, 1965). Among early elementary school children, the findings generally show that more anxious children tend to perform more poorly on achievement and intelligence tests, although the relations are weak and vary greatly from one investigation to the next. Both cross-sectional and longitudinal studies indicate that anxiety increases with age and the relation between high anxiety and poor test performance is stronger and more frequent in the studies of fifth and sixth grade students (Crandall, 1967).

Finally, in considering the relationship between social and emotional adjustment and behavior in the elementary school age child, a report on equality of educational opportunity (Coleman, Campbell, Hobson, McPartland, Mood, Weinfeld & York, 1966) deserves mention. The report covering nationwide assessment of children of elementary and high school ages, demonstrated that self-concept, relative to intellectual and academic ability, was highly related to academic performance among white children. As to minority groups, however, a sense of being in control of one's own successes and failures was the factor most strongly associated with achievement. These two orientations were more highly related to achievement than any of the many other environmental, family, school or teacher variables studied.

Even at the preschool level several studies have revealed a relationship between achievement and social-emotional adjustment (Bruner, 1961; Deutsch, 1964; Hunt, 1961; Hunt, 1963). Researchers and educators are recognizing the importance of this relationship in children before they reach the primary grades.

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It would appear from the literature that implications for future success academically and vocationally are inherent in the interdependence of achievement and social-emotional adjustment. It becomes necessary to consider the "whole" child in the school, taking into account all facets of his behavior as they interrelate with his learning. This consideration leads to an increasing awareness that "every mental function is imbedded in a personal life," and since "each personality is a law unto itself," studies of cognitive functioning and achievement should include reference to the individual's personality (Allport, 1937).

Project Head Start and the Deprived Child

It has been found that children who have known only poverty tend to be unsuccessful in school (Bereiter, 1966).

The negative effects of psychosocial deprivation on intellectual development are also well documented in the literature (Kennedy, 1963; Jensen, 1966). In general, the mean IQ of children from socioeconomically deprived areas is approximately ten points below that of middle-class children. Furthermore, these poverty areas, which generally contain ten percent of the community's school age population, often contribute to fifty percent of the children enrolled in special education programs for the educable mentally retarded. If, however, the home environment of the disadvantaged child provides inadequate stimuli for optimum intellectual development, but the potential for average intellectual functioning exists, it would seem advantageous to investigate the interrelationship between this child's intellectual development and his social-emotional behavior which has been contributed to by his

psychosocial deprivation.

Project Head Start, which was conceived in 1965 to help children who are among the economically and culturally deprived, offers fertile ground for exploring this interrelationship. Since the advent of the Head Start program, investigators in the fields of child development and education have become increasingly interested in studying the behavior of the culturally deprived child as it interrelates with his cognitive functioning in the schools (Hess, 1966; Hayweiser, 1967; Rosenthal, 1966).

Researchers in child development in education thus are beginning to make important strides in discerning the intricacies of cognition as it relates to the total child, and some important differences among children coming from deprived backgrounds and middle-class children in these areas of relationship are beginning to be recognized. There is a need, however, for much more research in this area.

Purpose of the Present Study

In the present study the child was recognized and examined as a "whole" entity. It was the purpose of this study to (1) identify the social-emotional and information-achievement characteristics of children enrolled in Head Start, and (2) to explore the interrelationships found to be existing between social-emotional behavior, as assessed by the teacher at the outset of the school year, and the gains exhibited over the school year in information-achievement.

The major hypothesis of this study was: There are positive relationships between positive aspects of teachers' rating of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement; and negative relationships

between negative aspects of teachers' rating of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement of children enrolled in Head Start.

II: PROCEDURES

Population and Sample

Population

The Michigan State University Head Start Evaluation and Research Center was responsible for gathering data on Head Start programs within the geographic area of Minnesota and Wisconsin, Michigan and western Ohio in 1966-1967. The population for the present study includes all children enrolled in full year Head Start programs in this region. Represented in this area are a wide range of community types and ethnic groups, from farm and non-farm rural areas to the most densely populated urban ghettos. Head Start in this area serves Whites, Negroes, and a few Indians and Spanish-Americans, all English-speaking.

Sample Selection

The sample selection was carried out in such a way that the community and ethnic group diversity represented in the population would be reflected in the sample. Selection of the sample was also constrained by the necessity of including only those Head Start programs which were operational early in the fall, 1966, so that pre-testing could be completed early in the year. The sample of classes was thus stratified in that the variability in community type and children's ethnic group was represented in the sample. The selection of only those classes whose teachers were interested in the program was a constraining element. This might have been

criticized as a contributor to bias, but it was felt that the bias that might result from the teachers' interest and permission would be far less harmful to the study than would be the influence of a hostile, resistant teacher upon data collection, and particularly the testing of children.

Within the classrooms, children were selected at random to be included in the study. The original E&R Center sample included 161 children from 17 classes in five communities; attrition during the year reduced the sample size at the conclusion of the E&R study to 133. At the outset of the study, the children ranged in age from 36 months to 65 months (Hervey, 1967). The mean age of the children was 52.42 months (4-1/3 years) with a standard deviation of 6.61 months. In the national evaluation, half of this sample was administered the Stanford Binet at the outset of the present study. The mean intelligence quotient was found to be 91.71 with a standard deviation of 13.97. The distribution of the sample by sex, race, and urbanicity appears in Table 1.

Instruments

Preschool Inventory

Caldwell and Soule in the introduction to the Preschool Inventory manual describes the instrument in this way:

"The Preschool Inventory is a brief assessment procedure designed for individual use with children in the three-to-six age range. It was developed to give a measure of achievement in areas regarded as necessary for success in school. It is by no means culture free; in fact, one aim of the instrument is to permit educators to highlight the degree of disadvantage which a child from a deprived background has at the time of entering school in order to help eliminate any observed deficits. Another goal in the development of the procedure was to make available an instrument

Table 1
Distribution of the Sample by
Sex, Race, and Urbanicity

Urbanicity	Race			
	<u>Negro</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Mexican-American</u>	<u>Indian</u>
Urban Industrialized Inner City, ppn=1,700,000	23 females 22 males	6 females 3 males	3 females 2 males	-- --
Medium Size Cities, ppn=2,000 - 107,000	12 females 12 males	2 females 2 males	-- --	-- 2 males
Urban Fringe Community ppn=25,000	-- --	11 females 10 males	-- --	-- --
Rural ppn=500 - 1,000	-- --	9 females 11 males	-- --	1 female 2 males

Total N=133

that was sensitive to experience and could thus be used to demonstrate changes associated with educational intervention" (undated, p.1).

The instrument yields four subscores or factors which emerged from a factor analysis carried out by Caldwell and Soule. They include: Personal-Social Responsiveness, Associative Vocabulary, Concept Activation-Numerical, and Concept Activation-Sensory (Caldwell and Soule, undated, p. 2-3).

The instrument takes approximately fifteen minutes to administer to most children. On Caldwell's original standardization sample of 171 children, correlation between the score earned on the complete version and the shortened version (version utilized in the present study) was .98. Split-half reliability of the shortened version, corrected by the Spearman-Brown formula, is .95 (Caldwell and Soule, undated). Hess conducted a study in which Caldwell's preliminary form of the inventory was compared with standard intelligence measures. The Stanford Binet was found to be highly significantly correlated (.733) with the Preschool Inventory (1966).

Operation Head Start Behavior Inventory

The original Behavior Inventory was designed "specifically for use by the nursery school teacher to aid in the assessment of nine particular areas of behavioral adjustment of her children" (Ziegler, undated, p.1). The selection and categorization of the 50 items into nine areas or dimensions, was done on an apriori basis. Each item is rated on a 4-point scale from "very much like" to "not at all like." A copy of the Behavior Inventory appears in Appendix B.

Cline's factor analysis of the Behavior Inventory, using a sample of approximately 2000 Head Start children, yielded four factors with a total variance among the four factors of 47.55% (Cline, undated). This four-factor structure was used in the present study. Cline named his four factors: (1) Jack Armstrong (The All-American Boy). (2) Donald Duck (Irrepressible, excitable, uncontrolled). (3) Casper Milquetoast (Frightened and withdrawn). (4) Young Horatio Alger (Perseverance and hard work will win out).

Although Cline included items for each factor which loaded as low as .328, for the purposes of this study only the items which loaded at .50 and above were used. The items comprising the four factors appear in Appendix B.

Data Collection

The Preschool Inventory was administered to each of the children in the sample during the first month of attendance in Head Start, and again by the same examiner in most cases during the children's last month in the program. Caldwell's directions for administration and scoring provided the only available directions; the machine scoring answer sheet (see Appendix A) was used for recording the children's performance. The Preschool Inventory examiners were experienced preschool or early elementary teachers or psychologists having special experience with young children, and were selected for their flexibility and ability to interact well with young children. The examiners were thoroughly familiarized with the test by first studying it and giving a practice test or two, and then administering it under the supervision of the Evaluation Coordinator in a laboratory equipped with one-way glass for observations.

The Operation Head Start Behavior Inventory was administered for all children in the sample at the time of pre-testing. The Inventory was completed for each child by the head teacher. Since no directions were available for standardized administration of the instrument, the teacher was asked to respond to each item by recording her impression of the child's behavior from her classroom interaction with the child.

Hypotheses

The general hypothesis of this study was: There are positive relationships between positive aspects of teachers' rating of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement; and negative relationships between negative aspects of teachers' rating of social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement of children enrolled in Head Start.

More specifically it was hypothesized that the "Casper Milquetoast" and the "Donald Duck" personalities would correlate negatively with gains in all of the Preschool Inventory subscores and the Preschool Inventory totals. These negative relationships were hypothesized because the frightened and withdrawn kind of child as well as the irrepresible, excitable, uncontrolled kind of child both seem to possess characteristics which would hinder gains in the cognitive kinds of tasks which were regarded as necessary for success in school.

It was further hypothesized that the "Jack Armstrong" and the "Young Horatio Alger" personalities would correlate positively with gains in all of the Preschool Inventory subscores and the Preschool Inventory totals. These positive relationships were hypothesized because the "all-American boy" kind of child as well as the child who perseveres and works hard

seem to possess those characteristics which would foster gains in the cognitive kinds of tasks regarded as necessary for success in school.

Analysis

This study focused on the Preschool Inventory gain scores for each child and their interrelationship with the scores on the Behavior Inventory. Gains in scores from the pre and post test administration were calculated for four subscores and total on the Preschool Inventory for each child. The four subscores from teachers' ratings on the Behavior Inventory were calculated also for each child.

The correlations among these scores were calculated and examined for the purpose of exploring the interrelationships hypothesized. Only those correlations that were significantly different from zero were interpreted.

III: RESULTS

Hypotheses

1. The "Jack Armstrong" subscores on the Behavior Inventory will be positively related to gains in the four Preschool Inventory subscores and the total score.
2. The "Donald Duck" subscores on the Behavior Inventory will be negatively related to gains in the four Preschool Inventory subscores and the total score.
3. The "Casper Milquetoast" subscores on the Behavior Inventory will be negatively related to gains in the four Preschool Inventory subscores and the total score.

4. The "Young Horatio Alger" subscores on the Behavior Inventory will be positively related to gains in the four Preschool Inventory subscores and the total score.

Results

Table 2 presents the correlation coefficients bearing directly upon these hypotheses. These results did not totally support hypotheses one, two, three or four. Although some significant relationships were discovered they were not substantial enough to strongly affirm the hypotheses. There were a total of nine correlation coefficients found to be significant out of a possible twenty; six at the .05 level, one at the .01 level and two at the .001 level of significance. All of these nine significant correlations were in the directions hypothesized.

Summary of Findings

The results in Table 2 can be considered from two different viewpoints. One is to examine each of the Behavior Inventory subscores separately in relation to all of the gains in the Preschool Inventory subscores and total score. The other is to examine the gains in each of the Preschool Inventory subscores separately in relation to all of the Behavior Inventory subscores. The results are summarized in terms of these respective viewpoints:

- I. A. The "Jack Armstrong" subscore of the Behavior Inventory correlated negatively with gains in Personal-Social Responsiveness as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with gains in Associative Vocabulary, Concept Activation-Numerical, Concept Activation-Sensory and total score on the Preschool Inventory in the directions hypothesized.

- B. The "Donald Duck" subscore on the Behavior Inventory correlated negatively with gains in Personal-Social Responsiveness, and Concept Activation-Sensory as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with gains in Associative Vocabulary, Concept Activation-Numerical, and total score in the directions hypothesized.
 - C. The "Casper Milquetoast" subscore on the Behavior Inventory correlated negatively with gains in Personal-Social Responsiveness, Associative Vocabulary, and total score as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with gains in Concept Activation-Sensory in the directions hypothesized.
 - D. The "Young Horatio Alger" subscore on the Behavior Inventory correlated positively with gains in Personal-Social Responsiveness, Concept Activation-Sensory, and total score as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with gains in Associative Vocabulary and Concept Activation-Numerical in the directions hypothesized.
- II.
- A. Gains in Personal-Social Responsiveness on the Preschool Inventory correlated significantly with all four subscores on the Behavior Inventory in the directions hypothesized.
 - B. Gains in Associative Vocabulary correlated negatively with the "Casper Milquetoast" subscore as hypothesized, but did not correlate with the "Jack Armstrong", "Donald Duck", or "Young Horatio Alger" subscores on the Behavior Inventory in the directions hypothesized.
 - C. Gains in Concept Activation-Numerical did not correlate significantly with any of the four subscores on the Behavior Inventory in the directions hypothesized.
 - D. Gains in Concept Activation-Sensory correlated negatively with the "Donald Duck" subscore and positively with the "Young Horatio Alger" subscore as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with the "Jack Armstrong" or "Casper Milquetoast" subscores on the Behavior Inventory in the directions hypothesized.
 - E. Gains on the Preschool Inventory total score correlated negatively with the "Casper Milquetoast" subscore and positively with the "Young Horatio Alger" subscore on the Behavior Inventory as hypothesized, but did not correlate significantly with the "Donald Duck" subscore on the Behavior Inventory in the directions hypothesized.

Table 2

Correlation Coefficients Between Behavior Inventory Subscores
and Gains in Preschool Inventory Subscores and Total

Behavior Inventory Subscores	Preschool Inventory Gain Scores				
	Personal-Social Responsiveness	Associative Vocabulary	Concept Activation- Numerical	Concept Activation- Sensory	Total
Jack Armstrong	.15*	.13	-.05	.10	.15
Donald Duck	-.15*	.12	-.11	-.22**	-.13
Casper Milquetoast	-.15*	-.17*	.03	-.09	-.15*
Young Horatio Alger	.20*	.13	.08	.25***	.26***

* $P \leq .05$ ** $P \leq .01$ *** $P \leq .001$

IV: DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

Discussion of Results

The Correlation Coefficients

Interestingly, all of the four Behavior Inventory factor structures were significantly correlated with gains in personal-social responsiveness on the Preschool Inventory. This was the only subfactor on the Preschool Inventory which seemed to be directly related to all four behavior types. If we look at the kinds of questions included in the personal-social responsiveness category, this relationship can easily be understood.

As was discussed previously, personal-social responsiveness involved the child's knowledge of his own personal world and his ability to establish rapport and respond to the communications of an adult (Caldwell and Soule, undated). It would appear, then, that the social-emotional state of a "Casper Milquetoast" (i.e. fearful and withdrawn) had a negative effect on his ability to communicate with an adult and played a part in preventing him from being able to improve in responding to questions about himself.

Likewise, a "Donald Duck", being very excitable and irrepressible, seemed to have had difficulty in controlling his emotionalism enough to be able to improve in his communications with adults and in his ability to answer questions about his own world.

On the contrary, a "Jack Armstrong," who is well rounded and well adjusted, seemed to have the emotional stability required to enable him to quickly establish good rapport with others. His communications with adults were thereby improved and he was better equipped and more willing to answer questions about himself and his world.

Similarly, the emotional state of a "Young Horatio Alger", who perseveres at his tasks and who is compelled to work hard, appeared to positively affect his personal-social responsiveness. His desire to work hard and do well seemed to yield improvement in his ability to respond to adults and to communicate knowledge of his own world.

None of the factors in the Behavior Inventory factor structure, with the exception of "Casper Milquetoast," were found to be significantly related to gains in the associative vocabulary subfactor on the Preschool Inventory. A small but nevertheless significant negative correlation was found to exist between the frightened, withdrawn child and his gains in associative vocabulary. This would seem to indicate that the child's shy, frightened, withdrawing nature hinders him in being able to verbalize or demonstrate his awareness of the connotation of words and verbal concepts. This is not to say that the child has not cognitively incorporated these concepts; he may or may not have. It does say that he has been unable to improve in his desire and ability to verbalize or act out his knowledge of these concepts and that his withdrawing social-emotional behavior contributes to this inability.

None of the correlation coefficients between the four factor structures on the Behavior Inventory and the "Concept Activation, Numerical" factor on the Preschool Inventory were significant. It would appear, therefore, that the acquisition of numerical concepts is not directly related to the child's social-emotional behavior. Whether the child is well adjusted, withdrawn, hyperactive, or industrious does not seem to positively or negatively contribute to his being able to call on established numerical concepts in the form of labeling quantities, making judgments of more or less, and recognizing seriated positions. These results raise the question of whether learning in numerical

areas of cognition is ever related to behavior or whether the non-existent relationship found is unique to the present study.

Questions which could be explored in further research might include:

(1) Are behavior and gains in numerical concept activation unrelated? (2) If in fact a relationship does not exist, what are the unique factors occurring in the acquisition of numerical concepts, but not occurring in the acquisition of other kinds of cognitive tasks, which make numerical concept activation unrelated to behavior? (3) Why do children of varying behavior types, all other variables being controlled, have an equal chance of gaining cognitively in numerical concepts?

Gain in the "Concept Activation, Sensory" subscore on the Preschool Inventory was found to be more negatively related than gain in any other subscore to the "Donald Duck" factor structure on the Behavior Inventory. Gain in this Preschool Inventory subscore was also found to be more positively related than any other subscore to the "Young Horatio Alger" factor structure on the Behavior Inventory.

In order to gain in sensory concept activation, the child must have improved in his awareness of certain sensory attributes such as shape, size, motion and color, and in his execution of certain visual-motor configurations such as geometric forms. It would appear that the child who is hyperactive and uncontrolled has significant difficulty in growing in sensory awareness. Logically, this difficulty could occur because this child is too preoccupied in being overly active and irrepressibly excited to take the time to notice and incorporate sensory attributes. Implications for teaching might be drawn from this finding. The teacher of young children might do well to concentrate on introducing pleasant and satisfactory kinds of sensory experiences to her

overly active children to help bridge the gap in this area that these children seem to exhibit.

The industrious, hard working child, on the other hand, apparently is prone to be very conscious of sensory attributes and therefore exhibits significant gains in his knowledge of sensory concepts over a period of time.

The Preschool Inventory total scores were negatively related to the "Casper Milquetoast" factor structure on the Behavior Inventory and positively related to the "Young Horatio Alger" factor structure on the Behavior Inventory. It would appear that the frightened, withdrawn child did not make positive strides in cognitive development throughout the school year due, in part at least, to his social-emotional behavior. The child who is quiet and exhibits withdrawing tendencies is apparently least likely to gain in areas necessary for success in school. It is felt that this finding discloses important implications for teachers.

Even more than the hyperactive, uncontrolled child who is most often singled out in a classroom for his "bad" behavior and consequently his poor schoolwork, the child who is oftentimes inconspicuous in the classroom (i.e. the quiet, frightened, and withdrawn child) also needs singling out as a potential slow learner due to his disturbed emotional state. Too often the little "Casper Milquetoasts" in the classroom are left to their own withdrawn world, getting further and further behind cognitively as well as emotionally because they cause few outward discipline problems for the teacher (Moustakas, 1963). The sensitive teacher should therefore be aware of and give special attention to the "Casper Milquetoasts" as well as the "Donald Ducks," "Jack Armstrongs," or "Young Horatio Algers."

The most significant correlation found in this study was that between

the Preschool Inventory total and "Young Horatio Alger." It would appear that "Young Horatio Alger's" perseverance and hard work did "win out," as he exhibited significant positive gains in the cognitive areas regarded as necessary for success in school.

Further Discussion

The results presented and discussed above indicate that the variables measured by the two instruments are not as substantially related as hypothesized. In summary, the testing of hypothesis one, concerning the relationship of "Jack Armstrong" to gains on the Preschool Inventory, yielded only one positive relationship out of the five hypothesized; the testing of hypothesis two, concerning the relationship of "Donald Duck" to gains on the Preschool Inventory, yielded only two negative relationships out of the five hypothesized; the testing of hypothesis three, concerning the relationship of "Casper Milquetoast" to gains on the Preschool Inventory, yielded three negative relationships out of the five hypothesized; and finally, the testing of hypothesis four, concerning the relationship of "Young Horatio Alger" to gains on the Preschool Inventory, yielded three positive relationships out of the five hypothesized. Upon examination of these results, two possible interpretations could be applied. The first, in the tradition of hard core scientific research, would be to accept the relationships found at face value and as a result assume that since the general hypothesis was not substantially supported in the present study, there is no substantial relationship between social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement. On the other hand, the data obtained and the instruments used in this study could be analyzed further in light of the possibility that the

hypothesized relationship might exist even though it was not strongly supported by the empirical evidence in this study.

The assertion that emotional behavior does play an important role in cognitive learning is becoming a widely accepted theory (see chapter one). In order to examine this role it was necessary to use the best instruments available which measured the variables in question. Because this study was done in affiliation with the National Head Start evaluation program, instruments were chosen which were especially constructed for evaluation of Head Start programs. It was felt after careful analysis of these instruments (see chapter 2) that they were the best instruments available to measure the pending variables.

After completion of this study, however, serious questions were raised concerning the usefulness of the Behavior Inventory in assessing areas of behavioral adjustment in nursery school children. These questions include:

- (1) Was teacher "A" rating the childrens' behavior from the same frame of reference as teacher "B"?

It has already been stated that since no directions were available for standardized administration of the instrument, the teacher was asked to respond to each item by recording her impression of the child's behavior from her classroom interaction with the child (Hervey, 1966). Because no standardized directions were utilized for evaluating behavior, teachers may very likely have assigned different meanings to the frequency of behaviors in defining "very much like" and the other categories. This lack of a consistent viewpoint would have a definite bearing on the categorizing of behavior types among children from different classrooms and, in the final analysis, have a bearing on the relationships hypothe-

sized and explored.

- (2) Does the teacher's viewpoint of the child's social-emotional behavior within the first month of school actually reflect a valid picture of the child as he exists in his own right?

The problem of "first impressions" is one we all are confronted with in our dealings with people. We have all experienced judging people falsely on the basis of their outward appearances and actions until we actually become better acquainted with them and are better able to understand their modes of thinking and basic beliefs. It would seem that this very simple experience could apply to teacher-pupil relationships also. Even though preschool teachers in general are well trained in the complexities of child development and behavior, each child is a very unique and complex individual in his own right. Is it possible for even a teacher within the course of one month to fully understand the complexities of a classroom full of individual personalities so that he can accurately assess their social-emotional status? If some inaccurate judgments in fact were made in assessing the social-emotional behavior of the children in the sample, these would have had a bearing on the relationships found among the variables in question.

- (3) Are the four behavior types measured by the Behavior Inventory purely positive or purely negative?

In analyzing the items which comprised the "Young Horatio Alger" subscore on the Behavior Inventory, for instance, the question could be raised as to whether all of these items are entirely indicative of positive personality traits. If a child possesses the characteristics of "sticks with a job until finished," "tries to figure out things for himself," and "is methodical and careful in tasks," he could possibly be leaning toward possessing rather compulsive and restrictive character-

istics as well as being a good worker. If in fact the "Young Horatio Alger" subscore does incorporate negative characteristics, then it is not surprising that the relationship found between this subscore and gains in achievement was not more substantial. Other similar ambiguities might exist within the other three subscores.

The three questions cited, then, may have been cause for partially invalidating the data gathered on the social-emotional behavior variable. This data would in turn contaminate the relationships found between this variable and the information-achievement variable to some extent. In summary, it would appear that the Behavior Inventory seems to be teacher-specific and therefore most useful when children are compared on judgments made by a common rater which was not the case in the present study.

Conclusions

The possibility of interpreting the results of this study literally seems to be implausible in view of the apparent inconsistencies in the data collected and, consequently, the relationships found. It, therefore, becomes essential to conclude the present investigation with an interpretation of the results other than a literal one. Because some significant relationships were found between the variables that cannot be overlooked, and because the majority of theoretical and empirical evidence support the hypothesized relationship, the possibility that a substantial relationship does exist between behavior and gains in information-achievement should not be ignored. In order for this conclusion to be an acceptable one in the present study, however, it cannot be in direct conflict with the results found. The attempt to resolve this conflict

will be discussed further.

As has been mentioned, the fact that some significant relationships were found in the direction hypothesized lends support to the hypotheses. However, the fact that these relationships were not more substantial and that all of the hypotheses were not supported by significant relationships among the variables, might be clarified upon further examination.

First, some of the empirical evidence presented in chapter one did lend credence to the possibility that some negative behavior traits such as aggressiveness are positively related to achievement gains. This discrepancy in the available empirical evidence could offer a partial explanation as to why these relationships were not more substantial and of why all of the hypotheses were not supported.

If we in fact refer back to a major theoretical principle upon which this study was based - that "cognition does not function independently as an inborn disposition but conditions a profile effect, because it is colored and codetermined by interests and traits of character, by habits and external influences" (Stern, 1938, p. 235) - the subtlety of the influence of behavior alone on cognition in the presence of many other influences becomes manifest. This manifestation can be accounted for in two ways: First, the social-emotional variable itself, as has been demonstrated, is a difficult construct to measure in view of the fact that the definition and observation of various behaviors is difficult to standardize. The construct, therefore, seems to be an elusive one. Secondly, because this study was conducted in the natural setting of many different classrooms, the diversity of the numerous factors which could influence the cognitive development of each child in the sample

throughout the year would be difficult to control. It is apparent that such factors as teacher attitudes, peer influence, intelligence, motivation, interests, experiences, health, family influences, classroom equipment, classroom environment, as well as social-emotional behavior could all be functioning influences on the child's performance in the classroom. If the facilities had been available to assess these variables, some of them could have been accounted for in the analysis. However, because this study was done in affiliation with the national Head Start evaluation program and utilized the data collected for that evaluation, many of these variables were not included.

If the present study were to be replicated, it is suggested that the intelligence variable be considered. The question might be raised that degree of intelligence may be directly related to the amount of potential a child has for cognitive gain within the time span of less than a year. If this relationship does exist, the children falling into the lower IQ bracket in the present study would not have been able to gain cognitively as quickly as the children falling into the higher IQ bracket. Possibly, then, if intelligence were controlled by dividing the sample into IQ groupings, more substantial relationships might be discovered between the variables hypothesized in this study.¹

The influence of social-emotional behavior upon gains in achievement could then be a substantial one. However, because of the illusory nature of the variable itself in addition to the prevalence of other mitigating

¹An investigation of this question is presently being carried out by Norman L. Story at Michigan State University.

factors in the classroom, the influence of social-emotional behavior on achievement gains may have been subdued in the present study.

It would seem, therefore, that the multiformity of the factors in the classroom setting is likely to conceal any relationship between information achievement and a subtle variable such as social-emotional behavior. It is very possible that had the hypothesis been tested under laboratory conditions where the extraneous factors could be controlled and the behaviors standardized, that a substantial relationship between the variables might be found. This possibility is made very probable in light of the established theoretical and empirical evidence.

Since the present investigation was not conducted in the sterile conditions of the laboratory, to conclude that there are substantial relationships among the variables hypothesized, is to expand the face value of the results found in this study by emphasizing the value of theoretical evidence and related research. To conclude that there is not a substantial relationship between social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement is to place inordinate emphasis on the results of the present study to the detriment of sound theoretical assertion. Since the present study, as has been demonstrated, considerably reflected the social scientists continuing problem of (1) accurately measuring subtle variables and (2) generalizing from laboratory to field, the possibility of substantial, functional relationships as hypothesized between social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement cannot be abandoned.

Accordingly, it is concluded that because the theory and the available evidence seem to substantiate the general hypothesis -- that there

will be significant positive relationships between positive social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement, and significant negative relationships between negative social-emotional behavior and gains in information-achievement -- there may very likely be relationships between these variables as hypothesized, though the results of this study were not supportive. It is felt that the relationships hypothesized were concealed in the present study by the subtlety and elusiveness of the social-emotional behavior construct causing difficulty in accurately measuring that variable, in addition to the diversities and intricacies of the classroom settings in which the investigation was conducted.

APPENDIX A

The Preschool Inventory

PRESCHOOL INVENTORY

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TEST I

1. WHAT IS YOUR FIRST NAME?	R	W	13. RAISE YOUR HAND	R	W
2. WHAT IS YOUR LAST NAME?	R	W	14. WIGGLE	R	W
3. HOW OLD ARE YOU?	R	W	15. HELLO VERY LOUDLY	R	W
4. WHEN IS YOUR BIRTHDAY?	R	W	16. HELLO VERY SOFTLY	R	W
5. SHOW ME YOUR EYE	R	W	17. FACE DOOR	R	W
6. SHOW ME YOUR NECK	R	W	18. JUMP	R	W
7. SHOW ME YOUR SHOULDER	R	W	19. RED CAR ON BLACK BOX	R	W
8. SHOW ME YOUR HEEL	R	W	20. BLUE CAR UNDER GREEN BOX	R	W
9. WHAT CALL (EAR)	R	W	21. YELLOW CAR ON LITTLE BOX	R	W
10. WHAT CALL (FINGER)	R	W	22. ONE CAR IN MIDDLE-SIZE BOX	R	W
11. WHAT CALL (KNEE)	R	W	23. ALL CARS ONE SIDE, ALL BOXES OTHER SIDE	R	W
12. WHAT CALL (ELBOW)	R	W	24. 3 CARS IN BIG BOX	R	W
			25. 2 CARS BEHIND BOX IN MIDDLE	R	W
			26. GIVE EVERYTHING TO ME	R	W

TEST II

27. (CHECKERS) CAR THAT PULLS TRAIN	R	W	35. TIME OF YEAR HOTTEST?	R	W
28. (CHECKERS) LAST CAR ON TRAIN	R	W	36. TIME OF YEAR COLDEST?	R	W
29. WHICH WAY DOES SAW GO?	R	W	37. TIME OF YEAR NOW?	R	W
30. WHICH WAY ELEVATOR?	R	W	38. WHERE FIND LION?	R	W
31. WHICH WAY FERRIS WHEEL?	R	W	39. WHERE BUY GAS?	R	W
32. WHICH WAY PHONOGRAPH RECORD?	R	W	40. WHO GO TO IF SICK?	R	W
33. WHICH WAY WATER FALL?	R	W	41. WHERE FIND BOAT?	R	W
34. WHEN BREAKFAST?	R	W	42. WHAT DO TO READ SOMETHING?	R	W
43. WHAT DOES DENTIST DO?	2	1			
44. WHAT DOES POLICEMAN DO?	2	1			
45. WHAT DOES TEACHER DO?	2	1			
46. WHAT DOES FATHER DO?	2	1			
47. WHAT DOES MOTHER DO?	2	1			

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TEST III

48. HOW MANY EYES? R W 49. HOW MANY NOSES? R W 50. HOW MANY HANDS? R W 51. HOW MANY TOES? R W 52. HOW MANY WHEELS-CAR? R W 53. HOW MANY WHEELS-BICYCLE? R W 54. HOW MANY WHEELS-TRICYCLE? R W 55. HOW MANY WHEELS-WHEELBARROW? R W 56. HOW MANY WHEELS-ROW BOAT? R W	57. COUNT (TO 5) R W 58. HOW MANY CORNERS, PAPER R W 59. 2 & 8 CHECKERS, WHICH MORE R W 60. 6 & 6 CHECKERS, WHICH MORE R W 61. 2 & 8 CHECKERS, WHICH FEWER R W 62. POINT TO MIDDLE ONE R W 63. POINT TO FIRST ONE R W 64. POINT TO LAST ONE R W 65. POINT TO SECOND ONE R W 66. POINT TO NEXT-TO-LAST R W
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TEST IV

67. DRAW A LINE R W 68. DRAW A CIRCLE R W 69. DRAW A SQUARE R W 70. DRAW A TRIANGLE R W 71. WHICH MOST LIKE WHEEL R W 72. WHICH MOST LIKE TENT R W 73. WHICH MOST LIKE STICK R W 74. BIGGER, BALL OR BICYCLE R W 75. BIGGER, TREE OR FLOWER R W 76. SLOWER, CAR OR BICYCLE R W 77. HEAVIER, BRICK OR SHOE R W 78. HEAVIER, FEATHER OR FORK R W	79. WHAT COLOR IS: (RED CRAYON) R W 80. WHAT COLOR IS: (BLACK CRAYON) R W 81. SAME COLOR AS THE SKY R W 82. SAME COLOR AS THE NIGHT R W 83. COLOR CIRCLE YELLOW R W 84. COLOR SQUARE PURPLE R W 85. COLOR TRIANGLE ORANGE R W
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APPENDIX B

The Behavior Inventory

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
PROJECT HEAD STARTBEHAVIOR INVENTORY
SUMMER

Child's name

School

Grant No.

Child No.

Other

Examiner's Identification

Date

Present week of
center's operation

INSTRUCTIONS

Please indicate as accurately as possible how this child behaves by marking one of the four responses to each question. Base your response to every item on your personal observation and experience with the child.

	Very much like	Some- what like	Very little like	Not at all like
	1	2	3	4
Is usually carefree; rarely becomes frightened or apprehensive				
2. Is sympathetic, considerate, and thoughtful toward others				
3. Is easily distracted by things going on around him				
4. Is very suggestible; lets other children boss him around				
5. Talks eagerly to adults about his own experiences and what he thinks				
6. Is unduly upset or discouraged if he makes a mistake or does not perform well				
7. Often keeps aloof from others because he is uninterested, suspicious, or bashful				
8. Defends or praises his own efforts				
9. Is confident that he can do what is expected of him				
10. Is jealous; quick to notice and react negatively to kindness and attention bestowed upon other children				
11. Is methodical and careful in the tasks that he undertakes				
12. Is rarely able to influence other children by his activities or interests				
13. Tries to figure out things for himself before asking adults or other children for help				
14. Greatly prefers the habitual and familiar to the novel and the unfamiliar				
15. Appears to trust in his own abilities				
16. Has little respect for the rights of other children; refuses to wait his turn, usurps toys other children are playing with, etc.				
17. Seems disinterested in the general quality of his performance				
18. Responds to frustration or disappointment by becoming aggressive or enraged				
19. Is excessive in seeking the attention of adults				
20. Sticks with a job until it is finished				
21. Goes about his activities with a minimum of assistance from others				
22. Is constricted, inhibited, or timid; needs to be urged before engaging in activities				
23. Is even-tempered, imperturbable; is rarely annoyed or cross				
24. Is reluctant to talk to adults; responds verbally only when urged				
25. Works earnestly at his classwork or play; does not take it lightly				
26. Is often quarrelsome with classmates for minor reasons				

Please continue on reverse side

	Very much like	Some- what like	Very little like	Not at all like
	1	2	3	4
27. Does not need attention or approval from adults to sustain him in his work or play				
28. When faced with a difficult task, he either does not attempt it or gives up very quickly				
29. Does not like to be interrupted when engaged in demanding activities, e.g., puzzles, painting, constructing things				
30. Welcomes changes and new situations; is venturesome, explores, and generally enjoys novelty				
31. Calmly settles difficulties that arise without appeal to adults or others				
32. Is reluctant to use imagination; tends not to enjoy "make-believe" games				
33. Likes to talk with or socialize with the teacher				
34. Often will not engage in activities unless strongly encouraged				
35. Is eager to inform other children of the experiences he has had				
36. Emotional response is customarily very strong; over-responds to usual classroom problems, frustrations, and difficulties				
37. Is uncooperative in group activities				
38. Is usually polite to adults; says "Please," "Thank you," etc.				
39. Asks many questions for information about things, persons, etc. (Emphasis here should be on questions prompted by genuine curiosity rather than bids for attention.)				
40. Usually does what adults ask him to do				
41. Requires the company of other children; finds it difficult to work or play by himself				
42. Responds to frustration or disappointment by becoming sullen, withdrawn, or sulky				
43. Demonstrates imaginativeness and creativity in his use of toys and play materials				
44. Insists on maintaining his rights, e.g., will not yield his place at painting, or at the carpentry bench, etc.; insists on getting his turn on the slide or in group games, etc.				
45. Is wanted as a playmate by other children				
46. Is lethargic or apathetic; has little energy or drive				
47. Has a tendency to discontinue activities after exerting a minimum of effort				
48. Is generally a happy child				
49. Approaches new tasks timidly and without assurance; shrinks from trying new things				
50. What he does is often imitated by other children				

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NATIONAL EVALUATION: YEAR ROUND HEAD START
 1966 - 67
 BEHAVIOR INVENTORY FOUR FACTOR STRUCTURE
 (post)
 TOTAL VARIANCE (Four Factors): 47.55%

FACTOR 1: Jack Armstrong, The All-American Boy
 Variance: 12.78%

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Loading in order</u>	<u>Name of Item</u>
5	+.766	Talks eagerly to adults about his own experiences and what he thinks.
35	+.766	Is eager to inform other children of the experiences he has had.
33	+.764	Likes to talk with or socialize with the teacher.
39	+.650	Asks many questions for information about things, persons, etc.
48	+.643	Is generally a happy child.
45	+.604	Is wanted as a playmate by other children.
30	+.567	Welcomes changes and new situations; is venturesome, explores, and generally enjoys novelty.
9	+.533	Is confident that he can do what is expected of him.

FACTOR II: Donald Duck, irrepressible, excitable, uncontrolled

Variance: 12.00%

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Loading in order</u>	<u>Name of Item</u>
18	+.786	Responds to frustration or disappointment by becoming aggressive or enraged.
26	+.777	Is often quarrelsome with classmates for minor reasons.
36	+.729	Emotional response is customarily very strong; over-responds to usual classroom problems, frustrations, and difficulties.
16	+.724	Has little respect for the rights of other children; refuses to wait his turn, usurps toys other children are playing with, etc.
10	+.639	Is jealous; quick to notice and react negatively to kindness and attention bestowed upon other children.
42	+.636	Responds to frustration or disappointment by becoming sullen, withdrawn, or sulky.
23	-.614	Is even tempered, imperturbable and rarely annoyed.
40	-.601	Usually does what adults ask him to do.
44	+.547	Insists on maintaining his rights, e.g., will not yield his place at painting, or at the carpentry bench, etc.; insists on getting his turn on the slide or in group games, etc.
2	-.536	Is sympathetic, considerate and thoughtful.
19	+.518	Is excessive in seeking the attention of adults.

FACTOR III: Casper Milquetoast: Frightened and Withdrawn

Variance: 11.55%

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Loading in order</u>	<u>Name of Item</u>
22	+.723	Is constricted, inhibited, or timid.
49	+.704	Approaches new tasks timidly and without assurance.
7	+.653	Often keeps aloof from others.
34	+.650	Often will not engage in activities.
46	+.631	Is lethargic or apathetic.
14	+.589	Greatly prefers the habitual and familiar.
24	+.581	Is reluctant to talk to adults.
4	+.547	Is very suggestible; lets other children boss him around.
28	+.524	When faced with a difficult task, he either does not attempt it or gives up quickly.
12	+.518	Is rarely able to influence other children by his activities or interests.
32	+.502	Is reluctant to use imagination.

FACTOR IV: Young Horatio Alger: Perseverance and hard work will
win out

Variance: 11.22%

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Loading in order</u>	<u>Name of Item</u>
20	-.734	Sticks with a job until finished.
13	-.719	Tries to figure out things for himself.
11	-.717	Is methodical and careful in tasks.
25	-.694	Works earnestly at his classwork or play.
21	-.641	Goes about his activities with a minimum of assistance.
15	-.561	Appears to trust in own abilities.
43	-.506	Demonstrates imaginativeness and creativity in use of toys and play materials.